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Enclosed are the following documents:

- Response to Office Action Under 37 CFR § 1.111 (7 pages); 1.
- 2. . Copy of an article from the American Journal of Pathology (12 pages);
- Petition for one (1) Month Extension of Time (1 page); and 3
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

This Amendment is submitted in response to the non-final Office Action that was mailed February 23, 2004 in the above-identified patent application. Applicant requests a one (1) month extension of time, from May 23, 2004 to and including June 23, 2004, to respond to the Office Action. With the extension, the deadline for replying to the Office Action is June 23, 2004. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the filing of the present Response on June 23, 2004 is timely.

In response to the Office Action, Applicant requests entrance of the following Amendment and consideration of the following Remarks. Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

The present Amendment is believed to be in compliance with the Revised Amendment Format published in the Federal Register on June 30, 2003 (68 FC 38611), and therefore to be exempt from the requirement of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(a)-(d).

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